

21st August 1925]

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" He did not think it necessary, because he as Director has to give advice to other departments as regards the purchase. This machine was considered good for nothing and the money got must be considered as god-send."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what price was paid for the purchase of this machine ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" Rupees 2,000 odd."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" Then has the department perpetrated a fraud on the Company ? " (Laughter.)

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" It is a business transaction ; was the sale of the machine advertised ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It was not."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Did they report to the Government that they were about to sell the machine and obtain their orders ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" It was such a small matter that it was not considered necessary."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Are there no rules to guide officers in these matters ? Is it absolutely at their discretion to do as they like ? "

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" It is stated 'The engine was of an old type and was not likely to be useful, etc.' So, was there no new type of engine when this was purchased in 1919 ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" When they purchased it, it was the only type that was available."

*The Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor.*

\* 274 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 2002, Development, dated 21st November 1924, the orders passed by the Government as regards the continuance of the Fruit Preserving Institute, Coonoor ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (c) of Question No. 585 printed on page 401 of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Volume XXIII—No. 5.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" May I take it that the period for which this factory was established has expired ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—" The period has not yet expired."

**Veterinary.**

*The new Veterinary dispensary in Harpanahalli.*

\* 275 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the new veterinary dispensary will be opened in Harpanahalli, Bellary district ; and